

REMARKS

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 103

In the Office Action dated September 30, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-40 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weder (4,279,811) 1981 in view of Weder (5,572,851) 1996.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims as originally filed and currently pending in the application as amended, with the amendment merely to explicitly claim priority to the Weder '851 patent, are in a condition for allowance since the Weder '851 reference is not available as prior art. As such, the Applicant urges the Examiner to pass the claims to an expedient issuance.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance for the reasons stated above. Therefore, it is requested that the Examiner reconsider each and every rejection as applicable to the claims now pending in the application and pass such claims to issue.

This amendment is intended to be a complete response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2004. In the event that any outstanding issues remain that would delay the allowance of this application, the examiner is urged to contact the undersigned to telephonically discuss such outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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